

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. CLAIM STATUS AND AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-3 were pending in this application when last examined and stand rejected.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of claim 3. Further, claims 1 and 2 are amended to clarify the claimed invention.

Claim 3 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

No new matter has been added.

II. ANTICIPATION REJECTION

In item 9 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Bloom et al. (U.S. Patent 5,504,005) in light of Andersson et al.

Applicants note that claim 3 was not included in this rejection. Applicants further note that claim 1, the only independent claim, has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. Thus, Applicants respectfully suggest that this rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

III. INDEFINITENESS REJECTION

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for the phrase "amino acid sequence encoded by the codon".

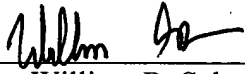
In order to clarify the claimed invention and to expedite prosecution, the noted phrase has been amended to recite "amino acid encoded by the codon". Thus, Applicants suggest that this phrase is not indefinite and therefore this rejection should be withdrawn as untenable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested. If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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